



# Fish and Wildlife Conservation

How Fish and Wildlife Dollars Are Used in Your Backyard

## Marinette County



### **County characteristics**

- 1,402 sq. mi.
- Lands: South ¼ farmland and woodland; north is forested
- Waters: 242 lakes; 626 miles of trout stream (highest in state), Green Bay shoreline and its 2 largest tributary streams – The Menominee and Peshtigo Rivers
- 1 Wild River - The Pike River - one of 2 Wild Rivers in Wisconsin
- 43,287 residents living in Marinette County



### **State Land Open to Hunting and Fishing**

- 34,170 acres of state land including wildlife & fisheries areas, parks and forests open to hunting; 19,270 (56 percent) of these acres operated & maintained with license dollars

Locate DNR properties at:

[http://www.dnr.wi.gov/org/land/facilities/dnr\\_lands\\_mapping.html](http://www.dnr.wi.gov/org/land/facilities/dnr_lands_mapping.html)

### **Fish, Wildlife & Law Enforcement Staff serving you**

- 2 Wildlife Managers & 1 Wildlife Technician (Vacant)
- 1 Fisheries Manager & 3 Fisheries Technicians
- 3 Conservation Wardens (2 vacancies)
- **Peshtigo office:** 101 N. Ogden Street, 54157
- **Wausaukee office:** 1025 Hwy C, 54177

*Staff also serves Oconto County*

### **Activities Funded by Your Hunting and Fishing Dollars**

- Establish and maintain grassland and wetland habitat for ducks, and other wildlife species.
- Establish and maintain forest habitat for grouse, deer, woodcock, and other forest wildlife species
- Work with the Marinette County Forestry staff to manage and utilize the 227,500-acre Marinette County Forest. Most of this area is open to public hunting.
- Establish and maintain hundreds of forest openings on the County Forest.
- Restore barrens habitat on the Dunbar and Athelstane Barrens
- Community warden assistance program in partnership with Scouts established to protect spawning fish
- Wardens handle multiple fish snagging and deer cases
- Work with 4-H clubs and local sport clubs to control purple loosestrife in wetlands.
- Control invasive woody species in wetlands and grasslands through the use of prescribed burning and herbicide applications

*Activities continued...*

- Maintain 2.5 miles of waterfowl refuge boundary.
- Manage DNR land by posting public hunting and access sites, as well as maintaining 190 miles of property boundary and 2 storage facilities.
- Monitor local wildlife populations using surveys of ducks, bears, grouse, woodcock, deer, fisher, coyote, bobcat, and wolves.
- Age deer throughout the County. In recent years at Coleman, Crivitz, Wausaukee, Pembine, and Athelstane.
- Respond to wildlife damage and nuisance complaints and monitor wildlife diseases including CWD and West Nile Virus.
- Evaluate proposed transportation and other projects for environmental impacts, mitigate damage to wildlife and habitat.
- Provide educational programs for schools, conservation organizations and civic groups.

### ***Marinette County Conservation Snapshots***

- 32** Lakes with Launches
- 57** Hunter Education Instructors
- 37** ALIS Agents
- 12** Deer, Turkey & Bear Registration Stations
  - Several Launches on Green Bay and major tributary rivers
  - Learn to Hunt Pheasant Program

### ***Fish & Wildlife Stocking Summary***

- 9,000 fish stocked in 4 inland lakes
- 17,000 fish stocked in 8 streams
- 298,000 fish stocked in Green Bay waters and tributaries.



### ***County Success Stories***

- Hook and Line fishery established for Lake Sturgeon in the Menominee River and research into sturgeon populations on the Peshtigo River.
- Partnership with the County in habitat management and wildlife-based recreation that annually has Marinette County as a leader in hunting statistics.

### ***Statewide Challenges to Maintaining your Hunting and Fishing Opportunities***

- Without a fee increase as proposed by Governor Doyle, the Department of Natural Resources will be forced make numerous cuts in:
  - Fish and wildlife stocking programs:
  - Conservation law enforcement; Public hunting acres; Fish and wildlife field biologists and Customer services
- Keeping upland, shoreline and aquatic habitat intact and functional
- Multiple user conflicts - Increasing pressure on public lands
- Rapid growth – urban sprawl



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